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RESPONSE

Applicant has elected to proceed with the prosecution of the claimed invention of Claims 1-9 which is drawn to a filtering device in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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